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USCINCEUR FOR POLAD & OPS, CINCUSAREUR FOR POLAD, OPS AND AEAGG-  
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CINCUSAFE FOR POLAD & OPS

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB, UR, GE

SUBJ: AUTOBAHN INCIDENT

1. UPON RETURNING TO BERLIN MARCH 14, MP TEAM WHICH ESCORTED IN-  
COMING CONVOY REPORTED INCIDENT WHICH HAD OCCURRED DURING TRIP  
TO HELMSTEDT PREVIOUS DAY. AT 1645 HOURS, MARCH 13, VOPOS AT-  
TEMPTED TO STOP MP JEEP WHICH WAS PASSING ANOTHER VEHICLE IN FREE  
PASSING ZONE WITH NO POSTED SPEED LIMIT. US VEHICLE SLOWED TO 10  
MPH AND CONTINUED. VOPOS THEN GOT INTO THEIR VEHICLE, OVERTOOK  
JEEP REPEATEDLY ATTEMPTING TO FORCE IT OFF ROAD. WHEN THESE  
EFFORTS FAILED, EAST GERMAN VEHICLE PROCEEDED TO POINT SOME 1000  
METERS AHEAD WHERE THE POLICEMEN DISMOUNTED AND ATTEMPTED TO  
BLOCK

US VEHICLE BY STANDING IN ROADWAY. US VEHICLE WAS FORCED TO TAKE  
TO RIGHT SHOULDER OF THE ROAD, IN ORDER TO BYPASS VOPOS. AS  
IT DID SO, ONE VOPO STRUCK JEEP WITH HIS BATON ( NO DAMAGE). EAST  
GERMAN VEHICLE THEN FOLLOWED JEEP AT DISTANCE OF 25 METERS WITH  
BLUE LIGHT FLASHING FOR TEN KILOMETERS.

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2. MARCH 15, US PROVOST MARSHAL MET WITH LT COL ZHUKOVETS, COMMANDER, SOVIET CHECKPOINT DREWITZ, AND INFORMED HIM OF INCIDENT REQUESTING THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE AND TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT REOCCURRENCE OF SUCH IMPERMISSIBLE BEHAVIOR BY VOPOS. SOVIET COMMANDER REPLIED THAT HE WOULD REPORT THE MATTER TO HIS SUPERIORS AND THAT IT WOULD BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED. AS HAS BEEN CASE IN PAST, COLONEL ZHUKOVETS WAS RESPONSIVE TO PROVOST MARSHAL' S STATEMENT THAT SOVIETS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR FREE MOVEMENT OF ALLIED TRAFFIC.

3. USCOB CONCURS. KLEIN

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